<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

Claims 1-25   (cancelled)

26.   (previously presented) A method for modification of color values in a page description file, the method comprising:

identifying implicit color commands within the page description file;

converting each of the implicit color commands within the page description file to a plurality of implicit color sub-commands such that the implicit color sub-commands replace the implicit color commands within the page description file; and

modifying color values specified by the implicit color sub-commands,

wherein each of the implicit color commands pertains to a spatial area, and each of the implicit color sub-commands pertains to a sub-section within the spatial area.

27.   (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein converting the implicit color commands includes converting the implicit color commands without raster image processing the page description file.

28.   (cancelled)

29.   (original) The method of claim 26, wherein the conversion includes converting substantially all of the implicit color commands within the page description file to implicit color sub-commands.

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30.　　(original) The method of claim 26, wherein the conversion includes converting some of the implicit color commands within the page description file to implicit color sub-commands, and converting others of the implicit color commands to explicit color commands.

31.　　(original) The method of claim 26, wherein the color values include cyan, magenta, yellow and black color values.

32.　　(previously presented) A computer-implemented system for modification of color values in a page description file, the system comprising a processor that is programmed to:

identify implicit color commands within the page description file;

convert each of the implicit color commands within the page description file to a plurality of implicit color sub-commands such that the implicit color sub-commands replace the implicit color commands within the page description file; and

modify color values specified by the implicit color sub-commands,

wherein each of the implicit color commands pertains to a spatial area, and each of the implicit color sub-commands pertains to a sub-section within the spatial area.

33.　　(original) The system of claim 32, wherein converting the implicit color commands includes converting the implicit color commands without raster image processing the page description file.

34.　　(cancelled)

35.　　(original) The system of claim 32, wherein the conversion includes converting substantially all of the implicit color commands within the page description file to implicit color sub-commands.

36.   (original) The system of claim32, wherein the conversion includes converting some of the implicit color commands within the page description file to implicit color sub-commands, and converting others of the implicit color commands to explicit color commands.

37.   (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the color values include cyan, magenta, yellow, and black color values.

38.   (previously presented) A computer-readable medium storing program code that upon execution by a processor:

identifies implicit color commands within the page description file;

converts each of the implicit color commands within the page description file to a plurality of implicit color sub-commands such that the implicit color sub-commands replace the implicit color commands within the page description file; and

modifies color values specified by the implicit color sub-commands,

wherein each of the implicit color commands pertains to a spatial area, and each of the implicit color sub-commands pertains to a sub-section within the spatial area.

39.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 38, wherein the conversion of the implicit color commands includes converting the implicit color commands without raster image processing the page description file.

40.   (cancelled)

41.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 38, wherein the conversion includes converting substantially all of the implicit color commands within the page description file to implicit color sub-commands.

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42.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 38, wherein the conversion includes converting some of the implicit color commands within the page description file to implicit color sub-commands, and converting others of the implicit color commands to explicit color commands.

43.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 38, wherein the color values include cyan, magenta, yellow, and black color values.

44.   (previously presented) A method of modification of color values in a page description file, the method comprising:

accessing implicit color commands within the page description file;

converting the implicit color commands to explicit color commands by applying a conversion table to the implicit color commands, wherein the conversion table includes a library of explicit color commands for known implicit color commands;

modifying the explicit color values without raster image processor-converting (RIP-converting) the page description file based on a profile that characterizes color output by a device to generate a revised page description file.

Claims 44-50 (cancelled)